

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Table of Example 5 at page 53 as follows:

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<u>Nature of</u> <u>M₂X₃</u>	<u>Nature of</u> <u>YH</u>	<u>Value of</u> <u>n</u>	<u>RY</u>	<u>DC</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>RY</u> <u>Comparative</u>
Yb ₂ O ₃	TfOH	6	79.5	81	98	77
Yb ₂ O ₃	TfOH	4	82	83	98	77
Yb ₂ O ₃	TfOH + TFSIH ^(d)	6	75	77	97	77
Nd ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TFSIH	4	32	35	91	64
Nd ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TfOH + TFSIH ^(d)	6	29	33	88	64
La ₂ O ₃	TfOH	4	20	21	95	19.5
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TfOH	6	53	55	96	19.5
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TfOH	4	45	48	94	19.5
La ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	TfOH	4	41	46	89	19.5

(a) Quantitative determination by LC with external calibration, expressed in mol% (b)

DC of the PhCHO. Expressed in mol% (c) CY = RY/DC, expressed in mol% (d)

TfOH + TFSIH as a 1:1 mol to mol mixture.

Please amend the Table of Example 6 at page 54 as follows:

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<u>Nature of</u> <u>M_ZX₃</u>	<u>Nature of</u> <u>YH</u>	<u>Value of</u> <u>n</u>	<u>RY</u>	<u>DC</u>	<u>CY</u>	<u>RY</u> <u>Comparative</u>
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TfOH	6	64	84	78	44
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TfOH	4	61	84	73	44
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TFSIH	6	53	85	81	44
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TFSIH	4	50	70	71	44
Z = Oac						
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TfOH	6	65	83	78	44
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TfOH	4	62	81	76	44
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TFSIH	6	59	68	87	44
La ₂ (CO ₃) ₃	TFSIH	4	55	66	83	44

(a) Quantitative determination by GC with internal calibration, expressed in mol% (b)
DC of the anisole, expressed in mol% (c) CY = RY/DC, expressed in mol%.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract: